applicable to Govt. Employees. In Government service, there is no reservation for SCs or STs employees in promotions within the officers cadre of Group 'A' when the promotion is made by the method of selection.

There is no such proposal to make reservation in all grades of officers in banks.

Banks Reluctant to Lend Money to Small Units

91. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks are reluctant to land money to small units; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the information provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the number of accounts and balance outstanding towards the loans sanctioned by nationalised banks to small scale industrial units as on the last Friday of March, 1993, March, 1994 and March 1995 were as under:

	No. of Accounts (in lakhs)	*Balance Outstanding (Rs. crores)*
March 1993	15.57	12164.04
March 1994	15.42	13708.41
March 1995	16.21	16559.67

Power Crisis in Eastern States

92. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing power crisis in the Eastern States, particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to overcome the power crisis in these States;

(c) the achievements made in that direction in the 8th Plan; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in 1995-96 and in the remaining period of the 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The power supply position/scenario in the Eastern Region as well as in the State of Orissa during 8th Plan period has been somewhat improving from year to year as indicated below:

(All figures in MU Net)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	Apr. '95—Jan. '96
Eastern Region				
Requirement	35760	37910	40342	35700
Availability	29362	32530	35118	31938
Shortage	6398	5380	5222	3762
%	17.9	14.2	12.9	10.5
Orissa				
Requirement	8210	8840	9420	8445
Availability	7156	7909	8723	8003
Shortage	1054	931	697	442
%	12.8	10.5	7.4	5.2